

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of Show-Me State residents who have brought glory and honor to themselves and to this state through the excellence of their accomplishments in life; and

Whereas, Don Deal of Taneyville has attained considerable distinction as a songwriter, musician, and singer who has performed in the title role with Don Deal and the Moontars and alongside such revered artists as Bobby Bare, Freddie Hart, Johnny Cash, Wynn Stewart, Merle Travis, Luther Perkins, Ray Price, Carl Perkins, and Eddie and Hank Cochran; and

Whereas, in addition to appearing on American Band Stand, Don Deal has enjoyed having his songs performed by Eddy Arnold, Sonny James, Hank Snow, Perry Como, Dean Martin, and others; and

Whereas, born on March 21, 1938, in Council Bluffs, Iowa, Don Deal moved to Bell, California, at the age of fourteen with his songwriting mother, Helen, and a brother, Chuck; and

Whereas, after performing with Smokey Rogers and His Western Caravan in San Diego, Don Deal toured with the Cochran Brothers beginning in 1955 and recorded with Cash Records, Era Records, Capitol Records, MGM, and 4-Star Music Company; and

Whereas, Don Deal had thirteen months on the Top 40 chart and was named Male Artist of the Year in Europe and Australia in 2002; and

Whereas, in 2003 Don Deal received the Lifetime Achievement and Influence Award from the Los Angeles Music Association in Hollywood, was inducted into the Rockabilly Hall of Fame in Nashville, and was named Grandfather of Rockabilly Music:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to congratulate Don Deal for such recent achievements as his induction into the Rockabilly Hall of Fame and being named Grandfather of Rockabilly and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt "Happy Birthday" as he celebrates his sixty-six years on this good earth; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Don Deal of Taneyville, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Maynard Wallace
District No. 143

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker